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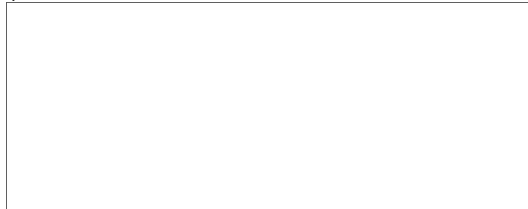
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Let me apologize for the delay in responding to you regarding the decision of the GEHA Board of Directors on your proposals.

The Board met on July 23, 1985, and reviewed both of your proposals. Unfortunately, they did not agree with proposing legislation to permit spouses of Federal retirees to participate in Self-Only enrollments. Although sympathetic to the problems of the retirees in our Plan, the Board is committed to ensuring that the benefits and rates remain equitable for all of our policyholders. As such, the Board members agreed that we could not advocate this legislation for a segment of our population (retirees) without considering it for active employees as well.

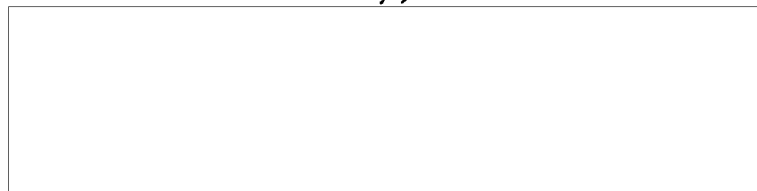
As I mentioned above, the Board is fully supportive of our retiree population and considers retiree input to Board policies and decisions to be critical. Therefore, they approved your proposal to elect a retiree member to the Board this year. For this interim election, we plan to solicit nominees during our next major retiree mailing (open season in November/December) and the Board will select a member from those nominees.

We do welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the Plan and look forward to hearing from you again. If you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to call me on 

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Sincerely,

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Administrator

cc: Harry E. Fitzwater